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SUBJECT: JUMBLATT PREPARED TO MEET WITH LEADERS OF THE RIGHT
OUTSIDE LEBANON

1. IN A PRESS COMMENT TO A STATEMENT MADE BY GORCE ABOUT USING PARIS AS A VENUE TO DISCUSS THE LEBANESE CRISIS, JUMBLATT MADE A RATHER AMBIGUOUS BUT NOT UNFAVORABLE REPLY. BASED ON INFORMATION SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED FROM JUMBLATT'S ADVISORS, ABOU-DIAB AND KHALAF, JUMBLATT IS IN FACT PREPARED TO GO TO PARIS OR TO ANOTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRY (OR THE U.S.) TO MEET WITH PIERRE GEMAYEL TO DISCUSS THE LEBANESE CRISIS. (IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE MEANT BEFORE OR AFTER THE ELECTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT.) MOREOVER, JUMBLATT IS ALSO AGREEABLE TO MEETING WITH A DELEGATION OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN PARIS. IN THIS CASE, HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEFT.

2. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, ABOU-DIAB CLAIMS THAT JUMBLATT IS GETTING LEBANESE PATRIOTS SUCH AS GEMAYEL AND BRUMBLATT TO STRIKE A BARGAIN.
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